III. (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce) and the PEC Limited, for the year 2005-2006.

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(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce) and the State Trading Corporation of India Limited, for the year 2005-06.

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(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce) and the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), for the year 2005-06.

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Motion for election to the Tobacco Board

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:—

"That in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of Section 4 of the Tabacco Board Act. 1975 (IV of 1975), read with Rule 4(1) of the Tabacco Board Rules, 1976, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House to serve as a Member of the Tobacco Board constituted under the Said Act."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Motion for election to the Marine Products Export Development Authority

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): Sir, I move the following Motion:—

"That in pursuance of clause (c) of sub-section (3) of sub-Section 4 of the Marine Products Export Development Authority Act, 1972 (13 of 1972), read with sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Marine Products Export Development Authority Rules, 1972, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the house to be a Member of the Marine Products Export Development Authority.

The question was put and motion was adopted.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Sir, I have a question on today's List of Business. It appears from the List of Business that the business is not so heavy, so, I think, the Statement by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, which is listed at 5.00 p.m. ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will take it up earlier.

श्री नीलोत्पल बसु: सर, इसको प्रिपॉन कर लिया जाए। तीन बजे प्रिपॉन कर लिया जाए।

श्री सभापति: तीन या चार बजे, You leave it to me...(व्यवधान) जल्दी करा लेंगे। इसमें मत पड़िए।

श्री दीपांकर मुखर्जी: तीन बजे करवा दीजिए।

श्री सभापति: आप तो अभी 11 बजे की कह देंगे।

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION
Early passage of Women's Reservation Bill

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी (पश्चिमी बंगाल): धन्यवाद सभापति महोदय। भयावह भेदभावों और असमानताओं से भरे हुए समाज में जब हम जनतंत्र की बात करते हैं या जनतांत्रिक अधिकारों को लागू करने की बात करते हैं तब सभापति जी, आरक्षण या संरक्षण का मुद्दा असमानता की बाधाओं को दूर करने में एक हथियार की भूमिका अदा करता है। लेकिन देखा यह जाता है सभापति जी, कि समाज की यथास्थितिवादी ताकतें, समाज की परिवर्तन विरोधी ताकतें, समाज की प्रगति विरोधी ताकतें हमेंशा इसके रास्ते में रोड़ा बन जाती हैं। सभापति जी, हम भूले नहीं हैं कि हिन्दू कोड बिल का इतिहास जब समाज में महिलाओं की स्थिति में मामूली सा सुधार करने के लिए लाए गए विधेयक पर इतनी तीखी झड़प हुई और हमारे संविधान निर्माता और तत्कालीन विधि मंत्री डा॰ अम्बेडकर को तीखा संघर्ष करना पड़ा और उन्होंने इसी मुद्दे पर त्याग पत्र भी दे दिया। सभापति जी, महिला आरक्षण का मुद्दा भी आज इसी तरह गहरे विवाद का विषय बन गया है और इतिहास